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SUBJECT: ROK AFRICA MISSION

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1. ROK DEPUTY VICE FONMIN CHANG VISITED KAMPALA AUGUST 1-3 BUT MADE NO CONTACT WITH US.
2. ROK EMBASSY COUNSELLOR HWANG TOLD U.S. EMBOFF AUG. 7 THAT PURPOSE OF CHANG'S VISIT HERE WAS TWOFOLD. HE WISHED MEET WITH TOP UGANDAN FONMIN OFFICIAL TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION IN 28TH UNGA ON CONTINUED EXISTENCE UN COMMAND IN SOUTH KOREA. SECOND BROADER PURPOSE WAS DESCRIBED AS FACT-FINDING, TO DETERMINE UGANDA'S FOREIGN POLICY.

3. ACCORDING HWANG, ONLY HIGH-LEVEL MEETING CHANG HAD WAS WITH FONMIN PERMSEC JOHN NTIMBA, ALTHOUGH AT LEAST TWO MINHEALTH OFFICIALS HAD ASKED TO MEET WITH HIM TO DISCUSS ROK AID PROJECTS HERE. NTIMBA REPORTEDLY TOLD CHANG THAT POLICY OF ACTING FONMIN
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ETIANG (WHO OUT OF COUNTRY AT TIME) WAS THAT GOU WISHED REMAIN

NONALIGNED AND THEREFORE COULD NOT SUPPORT FOK OPPOSITION TO DISSOLUTION OF UN COMMAND. NTIMBA ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT GOU WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED TO CONTINUED PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA IF SUCH AGREEMENT WAS WORKED OUT ON BILATERAL BASIS. NTIMBA ALSO STATED THAT GOU WELCOMED BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IN UN.

4. HWANG SAID CHANG DID NOT ATTEMPT CONTACT US BECAUSE ROK EMBASSY ADVISED IT MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN VIEW STRAINED U.S.-UGANDA RELATIONS. HWANG APOLOGIZED FOR NOT INVITING CHARGE TO RECEPTION GIVEN BY ROK EMBASSY ON AUGUST 2 HONOR OF CHANG, SAYING THOUGHT IT BETTER "FOR ALL CONCERNED" NOT PLACE TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON LONG-STANDING U.S.-ROK FRIENDSHIP. HWANG CONFIDED THAT "DIPLOMATIC" REASON FOR NOT EXTENDING INVITATION WAS THAT RECEPTION LIMITED TO AMBASSADORS ONLY.

5. HWANG WAID NTIMBA HOSTED AUG. 2 LUNCHEON FOR CHANG WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY FRENCH, WEST GERMAN AND NUMBER OF OTHER AMBASSADORS, AS WELL AS BY VARIETY OF GOU OFFICIALS, INCLUDING ACTING MINDEF MONDO, CHARGE' AGAIN NOT INVITED FOR REASON OUTLINED ABOVE.

6. HWANG ALSO MENTIONED THAT HIS EMBASSY URGED CHANG TO SUPPORT ITS RECOMMENDATION THAT MORE KOREAN DOCTORS BE SENT TO UGANDA, BUT CHANG WAS NON-COMMITTAL.

7. COMMENT: HWANG DID NOT DIRECTLY SAY SO, BUT HE REFLECTED ROK DISAPPOINTMENT WITH NTIMBA'S REMARKS, EVEN THOUGH SUCH A GOU POSITION WAS PROBABLY EXPECTED. ALTHOUGH WE RATHER SURPRISED CHANG DID NOT CONTACT US AND WE POINTEDLY NOT INVITED TO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS SURROUNDING HIS VISIT, COULD NOT AGREE MORE WITH WISDOM THAT ROK DECISION.

8. REQUEST THAT HWANG'S FRANK COMMENTS NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH ROK FONMIN OFFICIALS.
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